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In re/ Application of K.I. Cumming and Z. Ramtoola
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Transmittal Letter Accompanying Request for Continued Examination Under 37 CFR §1.114 in Reply to Examiner's Final Action Dated June 4, 2004 and Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR §1.136(a)

Box RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

In response to the Final Action of June 4, 2004, submitted herewith are the following documents:

- (A) Request for Continued Examination (RCE), form PTO/SB/30 (10/2001);
- (B) Application Data Sheet;
- (C) Submission Accompanying Request for Continued Examination and Including Preliminary Amendment and Reply;
- (D) Form PTO-2038 authorizing the Patent Office to charge fees for RCE, Petition for Extension of Time, and additional claim fees.

It is requested hereby that the time to respond to the Final Action of June 4, 2004 be extended three (3) months from September 4, 2004 to December 6, 2004 (a Monday).

The fees are \$395 for RCE, \$490 for the Petition, and \$243 for claim amendments (27 additional claims).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment of fees associated with the filing of the RCE and/or the Petition and/or the claim fees to Deposit Account No. 19-5425. A duplicate of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed for charging purposes, if necessary.

Respectfully submitted, Synnestvedt & Lechner LLP

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